



## MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006 MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK ARTS AND CRAFTS ROOM

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair John Steelquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. without a quorum present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Steelquist, Charles Carole, Philip Hauret, David Heulitt, Richard Kawano, Norma Koenig, Susan Lai Young, Allan Lee, Chuck Leland, Sam Mitchell, Craig Thistleton and Joseph Zuiker.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Bigay (excused), Chuck Lee, Martin Schiller (excused) and Brian Woo.

**GUESTS:** Mandie Pearson (Senator Carol Fukunaga's Office staff), Mary Pat Waterhouse, Director, Budget and Fiscal Services Department (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative), Shawn Hamamoto (Councilmember Rod Tam's Office staff), Capt. Warren Aki (Honolulu Fire Department), Capt. Carlton Nishimura, Sgt. Clayton Lai and Officer Ryan Pagan (Honolulu Police Department); Pat Lee (Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP)); Mie Usuda and Teru Suganara (Hawaii Pacific University students), L. R. Chistenan (Queen Victoria), J. S. Dixon, Karl Rhoads (Downtown Neighborhood Board), Frances Klema, Don Smith, Peter Blum, Mee Lin Tom, Ian Strikeland, Tracy Miyahara (MOCA), Fred Nakahara, Noryn Lau and Janice Shon (University of Hawaii at Manoa), Eddie Ontai and John Whalen (Catholic Charities Hawaii) and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Not having a quorum, Chair Steelquist moved to the Treasurer's report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT-** Chair Steelquist reported that as of January 31, 2006, there was a starting balance of \$ 1281.05 and an ending balance of \$1,220.84 in the Operating budget, \$2894.00 remaining in the Publicity budget (pending the printing of a newsletter) and \$120.00 in the Refreshment budget (pending re-imbursement for November's refreshments).

(A quorum was established.)

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

**FILLING OF VACANCY FOR SUBDISTRICT 1-** Chair Steelquist asked if there were any volunteers for Subdistrict 1, which is the Tantalus area. As there were no volunteers to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 1, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 19, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-** The following corrections were made to the January 19, 2006 minutes.

Page 8, before **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**, it should read, "**Kakaako Makai- Board member Zuiker moved and Vice Chair Carole seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 is concerned with any proposal regarding any public property being used for residential high-rise or use other than parks or limits public access to the shore. The motion carried, 10-1-2.** Board member David Heulitt voted "No." Board member Richard Kawano and Chair Steelquist abstained.

Board member Chuck Leland waited for a quorum and announced his resignation and that he had a replacement, a retired senior Vice President at First Hawaiian Bank for the next meeting. Chair Steelquist accepted his resignation and thanked him for his service to the Board and community. Board member Leland thanked the Board and left the meeting. Now, there is one vacancy in Subdistrict 1 and one vacancy in Subdistrict 3.

Page 6, under "Questions, answers and comments followed," 8., it should read. "In response to Board member Lai Young's concern regarding the reorienting and the training of teachers meeting the students' needs, the response was steps must be taken to address this issue."

Page 1, under **GUESTS**, it should be added, "Eddie Ontai (Catholic Charities Hawaii)" and "Cathy (P-20 at the University of Hawaii)."



Page 6, under **Support for Roosevelt High School-**, it should read, "Dennis Hokama, Principal of Roosevelt High School and Cathy, a representative from the University of Hawaii (UH) reported on Roosevelt High School's Academic Plan for School Year SY '06 and '07:

Page 8, under **COMMITTEE REPORTS**, it should read, "Chair Steelquist announced that the Roosevelt High School academic and financial plans will be presented on Wednesday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m.

The minutes of the January 19, 2006 regular Board meeting were approved as corrected.

#### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD)-** Officer Ryan Pagan handed out the following statistics for January 2006. There were 7 robberies (+3 from last month), 18 burglaries (+9 from last month), 33 unauthorized entries of motor vehicle (UEMV) (+13 from last month), 17 auto thefts (+5 from last month), 1 aggravated assault (-1 from last month), 8 simple assaults (+1 from last month), 109 motor vehicle collisions (MVC) (-7 from last month), 10 D.U.I. (-1 from last month), 0 sex assaults (-1 from last month), 4 family offenses (-1 from last month), 6 drug offenses (+6 from last month), and 2 graffiti (-3 from last month).

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. When Chair Steelquist asked where were the drug offenses, Officer Pagan replied that a few were on Makiki Heights Drive and the 200 to 400 block of Prospect Street. When Board member Norma Koenig asked what kind of drugs, Officer Pagan replied there were a variety of drugs, from marijuana to crystal methamphetamine.
2. When Board member Richard Kawano asked about the proposed change in the police work schedule from three twelve-hour shifts to five eight-hour shifts, Officer Pagan mentioned that it depends on each officer's personal schedule. Capt. Carlton Nishimura added that it is supposed to increase contact with the community. With the "3/12" schedule, there are two rotating "platoons" and the attendance at these Neighborhood Board meetings was uneven.
3. Board member Sam Mitchell mentioned that his building at 1043 Kinau Street was "tagged" for the second time by the same graffiti vandals. This time, they signed their work. The last time was about a year ago and he never got a report back.
4. Resident Tracy Miyahara mentioned police calls, abandoned vehicles and graffiti in her area. HPD would work with her.
5. Capt. Carlton Nishimura announced that Lt. Robert Green would be promoted to captain and that both of them would be re-assigned. Major Randy Macadangdang from Pearl City would become the commander of District 1 and another captain would replace Lt. Green.

Chair Steelquist thanked Capt. Carlton Nishimura and Officer Pagan.

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)-** Capt. Warren Aki, Makiki Station, handed out his written report and highlighted the following:

1. In January 2006, there were a total of 93 alarms: 8 fires. 61 medical emergencies, 0 search/rescues and 24 miscellaneous service calls. There were no major or unusual incidents.
2. Community Relations- Fire Safety Tip: Every home should have a WORKING smoke detector installed near each sleeping area and on every level. Since cooking vapors and steam can set off a smoke detector, the detector should be located away from the kitchen or bathroom. Wall-mounted detectors should be positioned 4 to 12 inches below the ceiling and away from air vents.

The following results are from a survey conducted of 80,000 elementary school students in which almost 48,000 responded: Eighty-seven (87) percent of the homes had smoke detectors and two (2) percent were not certain whether one existed. Of the eighty-seven (87) percent, sixty-seven (67) percent of the

families tested their detector that month and only seventy-one (71) percent of the smoke detectors were operational. This survey enforced our belief that, "Every home should have a WORKING smoke detector installed near each sleeping area and on every level."

3. Last month there was a concern about the last house on Round Top Drive, near 54 Maunalaha Road that appears to be abandoned. Capt. Aki reported it to the Fire Prevention Bureau, but received no response yet. Maybe next month, they could contact the owner.

Comments followed.

When Board member Kawano again asked about the house on Wilder Avenue and Pensacola Street and what constituted a fire hazard, Capt. Aki replied that a fire hazard might be the accumulation of trash near a neighbor's property. It is very difficult to tell a homeowner what to do with his/her property.

Chair Steelquist thanked Capt. Aki.

#### Residents' Concerns

Pat Lee, Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP), distributed a newsletter, which updated the project and listed their website. When Vice Chair Carole mentioned that he got from the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) and their Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) a \$2.6 billion figure for the rail transit, Lee replied that cost figures should be coming sometime this summer. That number may be based on similar projects on the mainland. Lee would follow up.

#### **NETWORKING OF NEIGHBORHOOD BOARDS:**

**Makiki Stream-** No report at this time.

**Sidewalk improvements-** No report at this time. Chair Steelquist mentioned that he has to write his monthly letter.

**Pawaa Park-** No report at this time.

**Makiki Community Plan-** No report at this time.

#### **Traffic and Transit-**

Chair Steelquist mentioned that one issue (the HHCTCP) was previously reported.

A Board member received a phone call asking his opinion of traffic and transportation. No one knew if anyone was doing a survey.

Chair Steelquist mentioned the "Neighborhood Board Resolution" from the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2, concerning the Lunalilo Street on-ramp and Vineyard Boulevard off-ramp. The resolution requests the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to find a more permanent solution to the morning coning off of the Lunalilo on-ramp, a "24 hour/7 days a week" traffic separation alternative and to construct an overpass/underpass. It further directs the DOT to seek appropriate funding measures and Federal funds. Certified copies of this resolution are to be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Executive Director of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO), and members of the Hawaii State Legislature. Copies were circulated. Although this item is listed on the agenda under "New Business," Chair Steelquist decided to discuss it now. Board member Kawano mentioned that Senator Carol Fukunaga had previously mentioned her "overpass/underpass" idea. Fred Nakahara, a Makiki resident, gave some background to the resolution. In the mornings, the closing of the Lunalilo Street on-ramp causes problems for the neighborhoods around the three preceding on-ramps near the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the Punahou area. This resolution affects more than just the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board and the Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board No. 2, but also Waikiki, Manoa and Hawaii Kai.

**Board member Sam Mitchell moved and Board member Allan Lee seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 supports the Neighborhood Board Resolution as circulated. The motion was not adopted, 6-2-3.** The resolution needed 9 votes to be adopted.

**Board member Susan Lai Young moved and Board member Norma Koenig seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 supports the Neighborhood Board Resolution as amended by removing the words "overpass/underpass." The motion was adopted, 10-1-0.** Board member Zuiker voted "No."

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**Senator Carol Fukunaga-** Mandie Pearson introduced herself, distributed a flyer for Senator Fukunaga and highlighted the following:

Senator Fukunaga apologized for not attending the meeting, as she is busy "decking" the bills in the Legislature. The flyer announced the community briefing with Senator Fukunaga, Councilmembers Ann Kobayashi and Rod Tam, concerning the impact of development and mass transit on the communities from Ala Moana to Moiliili. It will be on Monday, February 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Makiki Christian Church (829 Pensacola Street). Topics like Kakaako Makai, the switching directions of Piikoi and Pensacola Streets and the overpass/underpass are not on the agenda, but could be brought up at the end.

Chair Steelquist thanked Pearson.

Senator Gordon Trimble- No representative was present.

**Representative Sylvia Luke-** No representative was present.

**Representative Brian Schatz-** No representative was present.

**Governor's Linda Lingle's representative-** No representative was present.

**Councilmember Rod Tam-** Shawn Hamamoto distributed Councilmember Tam's newsletter and was available for questions. There were none.

(7:47 p.m.) Board member Zuiker wanted to commend Councilmember Rod Tam's office and Shawn Hamamoto for responding to his dangerous conditions reports.

When Vice Chair Carole asked if Bill 68, concerning mopeds, went to third reading, Hamamoto would follow up and call him back.

Chair Steelquist thanked Hamamoto for attending the meeting.

**Councilmember Ann Kobayashi-** No representative was present.

**Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative-** Mary Pat Waterhouse, Director, Budget and Fiscal Services Department, distributed the Mayor's newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. She mentioned that she was the Mayor's representative before Brian Woo, but he has left the City for the private sector.
2. Chair Steelquist mentioned that the Makiki Clean Up Day has been moved from February 11 to March 11. Waterhouse mentioned that the City would provide a truck for bulky items. Board member Koenig added that the time was from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the Diamond Head-side of the Makiki Library.
3. When Board member Kawano asked what is the City's role in the homeless problem, Waterhouse replied the City provides low cost housing, through the Community Services Department, and Section 8 vouchers. The Department of Parks and Recreation is involved also. The Housing and Community

Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH) is a State agency. Chair Steelquist mentioned that they stopped taking names for the Section 8 waiting list.

Chair Steelquist thanked Waterhouse.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Makiki Tantalus Recreation Area-** No report.

**Makiki District Library-** Vice Chair Carole mentioned that they are working on it. Board member Koenig mentioned that the windows are gone, which is a good thing.

**Makiki District Park-** No report.

**Contemporary Art Museum Construction-** Chair Steelquist mentioned that their representative is not here tonight, but will probably be at the next meeting to answer questions.

**Makiki Heights Care Home-** No report.

**1214 Matlock Street-** Board member Kawano reported that according to Henry Eng, Director of Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). They are fining the owner of the property \$50 per day for not clearing the debris from the fire-damaged house. It is a slow process.

**Bulky Item Pick-up-** Concerning bulky items, Chair Steelquist mentioned that Makiki would still appreciate a second monthly pick up. Mayor's representative Waterhouse suggested that the Makiki Clean Up Day might help. Chair Steelquist agreed, but would rather the City do it instead of the residents. Board member Zuiker mentioned that Makiki has a lot of tenants moving out at the end of the month. Instead of the second Wednesday of the month, he suggested switching to the first Wednesday would be better. Waterhouse would follow up. Board member Lai Young suggested passing legislation to limit contractors from dumping their trash.

**Support for Roosevelt High School-** No report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ticketing of bicyclists-** No representative was present.

**Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Update or "The Search for the Locally Preferred Alternative Transit System"-** Pat Lee spoke earlier.

**State Department of Transportation (DOT) closing of the Lunalilo Street on-ramp to the H-1 West in the mornings-** This item was already discussed.

Bag Lady trespassing on Beretania Street- A resident reported that there is a homeless woman next to Auntie Pasto's restaurant at 1099 S. Beretania Street. For the past six months, she has occupied the easement between the sidewalk and the stone wall in front of the resident's house and has many large, plastic bags filled with her belongings. Board member Philip Hauret works with a Waikiki agency, which has an outreach program with the homeless, and mentioned that many of the clients he works with have mental health problems and there is no place to move them. The discussion went on for about twenty minutes. Board member Lai Young suggested taking a picture of the rats.

Board member Allan Lee moved and Board member Joe Zuiker seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 write a letter to the Department of Planning and Permitting, concerning the using of the easement and possible ADA blocking of the sidewalk and to the Department of Health, concerning public health issues, by the homeless woman at 1095 S. Beretania Street, next to the Auntie Pasto's restaurant. The motion carried, 10-0-1. Board member Hauret abstained. Chair Steelquist mentioned that he would contact other lawmakers and asked the resident to update the Board.

**Thomas Square Park closing at 10:00 p.m.-** Vice Chair Carole mentioned that there were no signs posted. Chair Steelquist mentioned that the Board hasn't voted on it yet. There was some discussion about the drug dealers and homeless people there. Resident Tracy Miyahara questioned the HPD's ability to enforce the park rules when they have a hard time enforcing the laws in her area. Chair Steelquist deferred this item to the next meeting.

**Catholic Charities Hawaii Update-** Eddie Ontai was present to give an update on last month's presentation. The proposal was that the Catholic Charities Hawaii would purchase the property where the First Presbyterian Church is at the corner of Nehoa and Keeaumoku Streets. He mentioned that they are about to file for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and he introduced his traffic consultant. They did a traffic study. They monitored seven intersections at peak periods in the morning and afternoons, including Punahou Street and Wilder Avenue and Punahou Street and Nehoa Street. The Church had service on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. There were about 280 people per day. On Sunday, they have five Church services with about 1,000 people total. They bus people from Roosevelt High School.

Catholic Charities has 180 employees, 40 percent are "field" employees. The full-time employees arrive after 8:30 a.m. (after the school rush). There are no Sunday services. On Nehoa and Keeaumoku Streets there are 1,800 vehicles in the morning. They estimated a slight five percent increase. There are 105 marked parking spaces and they plan to add 11 more marked spaces. Overflow parking can go to the church at Dominis and Keeaumoku Streets.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

A Board member noted that the population of Oahu is moving west, but why are they moving east? The Catholic Charities will be closing some of their downtown offices and felt that this location would be more central for both their employees' training and meetings and their clients. Most of the services they offer are based in the communities they serve.

**Board member Joe Zuiker moved and Board member Norma Koenig seconded to put the Catholic Charities Hawaii's update of their plans for the First Presbyterian Church site on the agenda. The motion carried, 10-0-1.** Board member \_\_\_\_\_ abstained.

After they file the Conditional Use Permit (CUP), the Board will have time for comments.

**Board member Joe Zuiker moved and Board member Norma Koenig seconded that the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 supports this project. The motion carried, unanimously, 11-0-0.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Transportation-** Vice Chair (and Committee Chair) Carole has a copy of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO)'s Oahu Regional Transportation Plan. This plan is submitted to the Federal government for funding, goes to the year 2030 and mentions \$2.6 billion for the rail transit. Carole questioned this amount as the City's Department of Transportation Services would plan the rail transit project by November 2006 and they don't have the route and costs yet. The rail system is only part of the "alternate analysis."

**Planning and Zoning-** No report.

**Health, Safety, and Wellness-** Board member Kawano mentioned the e-mail about 1214 Matlock Street. Board member Lai Young asked what happened to Tracy Okubo, who was to talk on Medicare. Neighborhood Assistant Ho explained that she had called and would come in March instead.

**Newsletter-** Committee Chair Zuiker had some articles for Board member Kawano to review and articles and pictures to give to Neighborhood Assistant Ho. He asked for more interesting articles and photos. He gave his e-mail address. Board member Koenig mentioned that the Hui O Makiki's Makiki Clean Up Day on Saturday, March 11. Zuiker welcomed any pictures.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Board of Water Supply (BWS) announcement- There were no water main breaks for January 2006.

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) has announced The 2006 Water Conservation Week Poster Contest for all Oahu students in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Deadline for poster entries is Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is: "Each and Every Day I Save Water My Way."

Winners will receive a savings bond along with their inclusion in the 2007 Water Conservation Calendar. The winning poster entries will also be displayed at City Hall to commemorate Water Conservation Week. Complete details can be found on our website: [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) or by calling our Communications Office at 748-5041.

2006 Detect-A-Leak-Week- March 5-11 is Detect-A-Leak Week on the island of Oahu. BWS is asking everyone to check for leaks at home and work. Promotional flyers and Leak detection dye tablets for toilets will be available at the Board of Water Supply on Beretania Street, various hardware stores, and all satellite city halls. Also, fill out and mail in entry forms on the flyer to qualify for a free water audit.

Water Savings Tip- Not turning off the water as you brush your teeth can use as much as four gallons of water each time!

2. Board member Zuiker mentioned his "dangerous conditions" sub-committee and that he sends them off to Councilmember Rod Tam's office. He wanted Board members to call him about car batteries, too.
3. Chair Steelquist has received copies of resolutions from other Neighborhood Boards, like McCully/Moiliili concerning affordable housing and Mililani had four resolutions concerning their area.
4. There would be a meeting on February 24 concerning the rules on carnivals in public parks. The Ala Moana Neighborhood Board No. 11 had voted against putting Ferris wheels at Ala Moana Park for the Honolulu Centennial Family Festival at Magic Island from March 30 to April 2, 2006.
5. On February 28 there will be a public hearing on the rules to the general planning process, amendments to the General Plan, City and County of Honolulu.
6. Chair Steelquist mentioned the permits for Kailua-Kona and Waihee Stream in Kahaluu, *Agriculture Hawaii* and *Environmental Notices*.
7. Chair Steelquist received an invitation for a March 1 Fort Shafter presentation with the Deputy Secretary of the Army on weapons dumped offshore Oahu.
8. The next Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 regular meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2006 at the Makiki District Park, Art and Crafts Building at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Hearing no objections, Chair Steelquist adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Submitted by K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Chair John Steelquist and Board Secretary Allan Lee